

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OAKLAND, NEW JERSEY**

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- Meeting** A Work Session of the Board of Education was held at the Administration Office on the above date. The meeting was called to order at 6:09 PM by Mr. Gaffney.
- Meeting Notice** Mr. Gaffney led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and read the Open Public Meetings announcement as follows: The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Oakland Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted on May 3, 2014 in the Municipal Building, the Board Offices, all school offices and copies sent to newspapers serving Oakland: The Record, Ridgewood News and Suburban News. The Board reserves the right to limit public discussion of personnel items, so as to preserve individual privacy.
- The Board appreciates the concerns and comments expressed by the public and will take them into consideration. However, please remain advised that, neither the Board nor the administration may comment on or respond to public inquiries or statements regarding any internal personnel matters involving a District employee.
- Please be further advised that there is no privilege or qualified privilege with regard to any statements that you make before the Board of Education. Furthermore, in addition to their respective rights to privacy, employees of this school district retain all rights regarding defamation and slander according the laws of New Jersey.
- Roll Call** The following members were present: Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo, Ms. Shelkin. Also present were Dr. Gina M. Coffaro, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Kyle J. Bleeker, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and no members of the public.
- Superintendent's Report
    - Agenda Items Discussed
      - Resignation of School Psychologist
      - Spoke about Gang Awareness Training attended on 11/25
      - Spoke about Child Safety Presentation scheduled for January with FLOW
      - Spoke about November Parent Conferences
        - Considering different format for 15/16
        - Mr. Akovity expressed concerns about scheduling private conferences with teachers

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- Ms. Shelkin found the conferences in 8th grade very important in preparing parents what to expect for High School and suggested placement for high school classes
- Role of guidance counselors with conferences and high school placement was discussed
- Spoke about STEAM program for 15/16
  - Discussion on location and programming
- Business Administrator's Report
  - Attached
- Question from Ms. Rebecca Greene - Suburban News
  - Has the District considered moving the election to November in light of Midland Park voting to move and Ramsey discussing the move?
  - Mr. Gaffney responded that at this time, the Election will remain in April and the Board finds that the community supports the opportunity to vote in April on the Budget and BOE candidates.

Tonight's Schedule

- . 6:00 p.m. - Public Work Session
- . 7:30 p.m. - Board of Education Regular Meeting

**Executive Session** Ms. Shelkin moved and Mr. Akovity seconded to Enter Executive Session. On a roll call vote: ALL AYES.

Executive Session was entered at 6:45 PM

**Return to Open Session** Mr. Scerbo moved and Ms. Cooper seconded to Return to Open Session. On a roll call vote: ALL AYES.

Open Session was returned to at 7:25 PM

**Adjournment** Ms. Cooper moved and Ms. Shelkin seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Kyle J. Bleeker  
Board Secretary/Business Administrator